

# THE CAMPERS' MANUAL

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Issued to Scouts  
of  
THE OWASIPPE  
SCOUT CAMPS

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Home Address *3103 N.*.....

*Christians*.....

SCOUT — You are about to have one of your happiest experiences. You are to live in the outdoors, camping with several hundred other Scouts. With so many boys living together there must be some regulations to insure happiness and comfort for all. Years of experience have taught the camp management that the information contained in this manual is necessary to make you a good Scout camper.

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THE LAW OF THE CAMPS

The Scout Oath  
and  
Law

## THE OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS

Camp Owasippe, as it was until recently called, is situated on Crystal Lake, three miles from Whitehall, Michigan. It is as old as Scouting is in this country, and is perhaps the best known Scout camp in the United States. In 1910 Mr. D. W. Pollard, Scout Executive of Chicago, established the camp and called it Camp White in honor of the late Mr. A. Stanford White, who was then President of the Chicago Council. Shortly afterward, Mr. L. L. McDonald became the Scout Executive of Chicago, and it was under his directorship in 1911 that the camp was given the name of Camp Owasippe. Mr. McDonald is now director of Camping for the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp was named in honor of a famous old Indian Chief, Owasippe, of the Crystal Lake region. The legend of his death will be told you when you take the hike to his grave.

Camp Owasippe, has had a splendid and unbroken history during which over 10,000 Chicago Scouts have camped here, and hundreds of

Scout officials, including scores who are now giving professional leadership to Scouting in many cities, have received part of their training here. It is thus nationally famous. Yours is indeed a privilege to be able to attend such a camp.

As the Scout movement in Chicago grew, the original camp became inadequate to meet the needs of the entire city. Various district camps were established in other places until only the North Shore and the West Side Districts were camping at old Owasippe. Camp Checaugau, near Palatine, Ill., of the North West District is still maintained for boys of that district and for others who for any reason cannot go to Owasippe. The other district camps, however, were brought to Crystal Lake in 1921, two new camps being formed on the shores of the lake and the name Owasippe being extended to the entire group of camps which became known as the Owasippe Scout Camps. Each camp thus equally shares the splendid traditions of the previous twelve years camping at Crystal Lake.

The three camps are individually

named as:

**Camp Dan Beard**, on the site of the original Camp Owasippe, for the North Shore and the West Side Districts.

**Camp McDonald**, centering about the Merit Blue Lodge erected in 1915 by Merit Badge Scouts at Owasippe, for the South West and Stock Yards and Central Manufacturing Districts.

**Camp James E. West**, centering around Snake Hill, for the South Shore and Calumet Districts.

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Each of these camps have their own mess hall, swimming pier, boats, tents, etc.

## CAMP HOUSEKEEPING

**1 Tents**—Canvas and ropes shrink when they get wet; so when it starts to rain, tent ropes should be loosened so that the stakes will not be pulled out or tents ripped.

Some tents are furnished with a high quality cotton rope for tying sides and flaps. These ropes must not be used for any other purpose.

**2 Cots**—Cots will support a reasonable weight, but will not withstand any "roughhousing." Scouts will be held responsible for avoidable breakages.

**3 Blankets**—Nights are usually cool; therefore, it is extremely important that you know how to make your bed. Learn this early.

When you air your blankets in the morning, spread them out on the line so that they will really get air.

**4 Baggage**—Keep your suit case closed tight so that the sand will not leak in, and also that your belongings will not leak out.

Keep everything you own in your suit case or knapsack, except wet clothes. Soiled articles are to be kept separate in your laundry bag.

mit issued by the Camp Director or Officer of the Day. Not over five boys are ever allowed in one boat. This number must never include more than one sinker.

- 14 "Scout Courtesy" regarding the use of the salute and other customary forms of respect will be observed at all times. If you are not familiar with these customs, ask your troop leader about them.
- 15 No Scout may leave the camp reservation without a pass signed by the Camp Director, except while participating in official activities.

### LETTERS HOME

Every Scout in camp must write to his folks on Thursday and Sunday. They are urged to write also during "quiet hour" on other days.

Write interesting letters about camp activities, tests, construction work, hikes, games, contests and companions, and about the camp layout, tents, eating arrangements, signal towers. Do not worry your folks with petty annoyances you may experience, or other minor criticisms, as this gives your folks an entirely unjust impression of camp and perhaps of you.

### NEIGHBORLINESS

One of the very inspiring things about The Owasippe Scout Camps is the cordiality of the neighbors. They always welcome the campers. One summer they presented 40 acres of land. Later they put out a serious forest fire that threatened the camp buildings. Their attitude is the result of consistent scoutlike courtesy, thoughtfulness, and friendliness on the part of the campers toward the neighbors. Last year they ran the telephone line into camp.

See that the old traditions fail not.

### PROGRAM

Mornings are devoted to interesting construction projects and to instruction in Scoutcraft—afternoons to recreation.

The bi-weekly program includes woodcraft games, inter-troop and inter-camp scoutcraft and swimming meets. Evening programs include night games, night hikes, stunt nights, camp fires, and ceremonial council fires. Hardly any afternoon or any two evenings in a period have the same program. Moreover, there are many variations of program during successive periods, thus offering a splendid four-week program for "stayovers."

## GENERAL DAILY PROGRAM

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6:30.....Reveille and Flag raising  
6:35.....Drill (Setting up exercise)  
6:40.....Morning dip  
7:00.....Morning mess  
7:45.....Policing Camp  
8:20.....Sick Call  
8:30..Construction and Pioneering  
9:30.....Scoutcraft and special instruction  
11:10.....Morning Swim  
(Instruction in Swimming - Life Saving)  
12:30..Noon mess and mail delivery  
1:30.....Trading Post Open  
1:30.....Siesta or quiet hour  
(Write letters, rest, read, etc.)  
2:30..Afternoon Hikes, Games, etc.  
Boating  
5:00.....Afternoon swim  
5:45....Guard Drill and School of Troop  
6:05....Inspection (troop) retreat and evening colors  
6:30.....Evening Mess  
7:15.....Evening Games, etc.  
8:15....Camp fire, stunts and other evening activities  
9:15.....Call to quarters  
9:25....Tattoo, Evening Prayers  
9:30.....Taps

## OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY

No boy should neglect his religious life while in camp.

Sunday is observed in accordance with the Twelfth Scout Law. There will be special discussion and Bible Study groups in the morning for those who desire them, while others go off for a quiet nature study walk. Later there will be special church services held for each of the three major religious groups.

Sunday afternoon is visitors day. The time is free for entertainment of visitors, boating and similar activities. There will be no test passing on Sunday.

Each evening just before taps, there is a quiet five minutes for evening prayers, etc., by troop or individual as may be best in each case.

## LIBRARY

A library emphasizing the outdoor life and Scout activities is available. Use it. But remember, others want to use a book when you are through.

## ADVANCEMENT

Every tenderfoot or second class Scout should definitely plan to earn advancement in rank while at camp. There will be ample opportunity.

First Class Scouts should strive to attain the permitted number of merit badges—the customary two a month plus one for every week at camp. Only those badges particularly pertaining to camp or to outdoor life will be handled. Special attention will be paid to the following.

Astronomy	Pathfinding
Athletics	Photography
Bugling	Personal Health
Cycling	Public Health
First Aid	Surveying
Hiking	Wireless

The following may also be earned at camp:

Bird Study	Life Saving
Botany	Swimming
Camping	Signalling
Conservation	Stalking
Cooking	Pioneering
Forestry	

Those especially desirous of earning any of the agricultural badges may make special arrangements to do so.

## CAMP ORGANIZATION

Every troop unit at camp will elect a representative to the Junior Council. This will meet frequently and make recommendations to the Senior Council, composed of the Scout Officials at Camp, as to anything for the benefit of the Camp, either in regard to the program, in regard to arrangements or otherwise. Any suggestions you may have should be made to your representative to the Junior Council, or to the Camp Director.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Read the Bulletin Board daily, and pay close attention to all announcements. Everything announced in camp is important for you to know, and you are held responsible for knowing it.

If you want to carve your initials, carve them in sand. Trees and furniture look best without inscriptions.

If you take any good pictures in camp, please send the negatives to your District Headquarters. They may be used for lantern slides, or publications, and they will be returned promptly.

## CAMP STAFF

### GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

**Chief Camp Director**—G. B. Stephenson, Scout Executive of Chicago.

**Quartermaster**—Captain Herman Mayhew, Principal Lower School, Morgan Park Military Academy.

**Asst. Q. M.**—F. F. Fleming, Coach Morgan Park Military Academy.

**Camp Clerk**—Louis Fireman

**Physician**—W. S. Bracken, M. D.

### CAMP DAN BEARD

North West, North Shore & West Side Scouts

**Director**—W. H. Gunn, Field Scout Executive, North Shore District.

**Activities Director**—G. L. Dicker-  
son, Athletic Director, Lake View High School.

### CAMP McDONALD

Stock Yards & Central Mfg. and South West District Scouts

**Director**—J. F. Rohr, Field Scout Executive, South West District.

**Activities Director**—Wendell Ayers

### CAMP JAMES E. WEST

Calumet and South Shore District Scouts

**Director**—C. A. Edson, Field Scout Executive, South Shore District.

**Activities Director**—Gordon C. Adams.

### INDIVIDUAL CONTEST POINTS

	Pt.	Maximum
Every species of tree found and identified.....	1	10
Every species of flower found and identified.....	1	10
Every species of bird identified.....	2	20
Every species of wild animal seen and identified..	3	
Every constellation identified.....	1	10
Every Tenderfoot, Second or First Class test passed (Not previously credited to the Scout)	3	15
Every merit badge passed.....	5	15
Earning advancement in rank.....	10	
Earning Life, Star or Eagle Rank.....	10	
Construction work.....	1-25	25
Volunteer service as requested.....	1-25	25
Winning an inter-troop contest.....	5	20
Second Place.....	3	20
Third Place.....	1	20
Placing in inter-camp contest double above credit winning personal inspection.....	2	10

Deductions for breaking Scout Law or for lack of Scout Spirit or discipline according to the seriousness of the offense.

## SKULL CAPS

Scouts at camp are permitted to wear their special camp skull caps as follows:

Camp James E. West—Green & Red  
Camp Dan Beard—Green & White  
Camp McDonald — Green & Blue

## INDIVIDUAL HONORS

There will be a point contest with points as noted on page 15.

## OWASIPPE CAMPER

To qualify for the rating "Owasippe Camper," a Scout must in one period earn 100 points, to include the following:

Nature Study.....	20 points
Advancement .....	10 points
Construction Work...	10 points
Service .....	10 points

And he must have the approval of the Junior and Senior Councils.

Owasippe Campers will be permitted to wear numerals on their neckerchiefs.

## OWASIPPE HONOR CAMPER

Scouts scoring 125 points as above and being designated by the Senior Council, after consultation with the Junior Council, as having displayed

more than usual scout spirit and having made a definite contribution to the morale of the camp will be designated as Honor Campers, and will be entitled to wear the Owasippe "O" on their neckerchiefs.

## WIMACHTENDIENK

At the close of each period, each troop unit in camp will be permitted to nominate the individual Scout or Scouts, who by their exceptional Scout spirit, their cheerfulness, helpfulness and leadership of others, have done the most to make their troop camp a success. Subject to the approval of the Senior Council of the camp, these Scouts will be permitted to qualify for membership in the Wimachtendienk; (W. W. W.) the camp honor society. Membership in the W. W. W. is the highest camp honor.

## TROOP HONORS

There will be a troop point contest with points for tent inspection, table inspection, contests, discipline, construction, and service. An honor pennant will be awarded each day to the troop scoring highest, and will at the end of the period become the property of that camp troop having the largest total number of points.

## SCOUT RECORD

The information that you jot down here may some day be very valuable. Make this record neat and accurate. Be brief and use pen as far as possible. Leave room for other important notes.

Name Howard Gamblor  
 Address 3103 N. Christian  
 Phone ..... Birth date Aug 25, 1910  
 City Chicago. School Lawndale  
 Parent's Name.....

Business Phone.....  
 Troop No. 848 Patrol Dudley.

## Tenderfoot Record

	DATE	EXAMINER
Knots		
Flags		
Oath and Law		
Date Enrolled		
Initiated		
Badge Awarded		

## Second Class Record

	DATE	EXAMINER
Month Service	<u>7/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Elementary First Aid	<u>7/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Elementary Signalling	<u>7/4/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Tracking	<u>7/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Mile Scout's Pace	<u>7/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Knife and Axe	<u>7/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Fire Building	<u>7/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Cooking	<u>8-9-21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Bank Acct.		
Compass	<u>8/1/21</u>	<u>H. H. W.</u>
Deportment		
Badge Awarded	<u>October 18, 1923</u>	

See Boy's Handbook for full requirements

### First Class Record

	DATE	EXAMINER
Swim 50 Yds.		
\$2.00 Bank		41 41 W
Signaling 14-Mile Hike		41 41 W
Advanced First Aid		41 41 W
Advanced Cooking		41 41 W
Map		41 41 W
Hand Work		41 41 W
Judging Nature and Observation		41 41 W
Scout Standing		41 41 W
Tenderfoot Trained		41 41 W
2 Month's Service		41 41 W
Badge Awarded		41 41 W

### Merit Badge Record

	DATE	EXAMINER
<u>Athletics</u>		
<u>Conservation</u>		
<u>Cooking</u>		
<u>First Aid</u>		
<u>Forestry</u>		
<u>Life Saving</u>		
<u>Personal Health</u>		
<u>Pioneering</u>		
<u>Public Health</u>		
<u>Swimming</u>		
<u>Life Scout</u>		
<u>Star Scout</u>		
<u>Eagle Scout</u>		

## POINT CONTEST

	Date	No. P'ts	Examiner
Trees			
Flowers			
Birds			
Animals			
Stars			
Tests			
Advance- ment			
Construc- tion			
Service			
Service			
Contest			
Contest			
Inspec- tion			
Total Points			

3P/1923

Awarded Owasippe Camper.....  
 Awarded Honor "O" Camper.....  
 Elected to Wimachtendienk.....

## TENTMATES

Name.....  
 Address .....

## 1 FAMOUS CRYSTAL LAKE

Famous Crystal Lake so clear  
Chicago Scouts revere,  
From days of old.  
There dear old Owasippe  
Each year trained Scouts should be  
Good campers all.  
O'er the land there spread its fame  
'Till the camp so large became  
It split in three  
Then South Shore and Calumet  
Formed the new camp James E. West.

Now Our own camp James E. West  
It surely is the best  
In all the land.  
Here we have our woodcraft games  
And learn of trees the names  
And other lore.  
Whether in our work or play  
Great fun we have each day  
In all we do.  
While we strive to worthy be  
Of the name of our Great Chief.

## 2 Go You Camp Dan Beard

(Tune, "Go You Northwestern")

Go you camp Dan Beard  
With your Scouts so true,  
Who are always striving to win new

honors for you;  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
We are always happy through the  
livelong day,  
Fight for the fame of our fair name  
Victory is our highest aim.

## 3 CAMP McDONALD

(Tune, "Artillery Song Cassions")

Over hill and dale  
As we hit the camping trail,  
And our buddies are hiking along;  
In and out, hear them shout,  
GEE! I'm glad that I'm a Scout,  
While they're singing their own  
camping song.

### Chorus

Then it's hi—hi—hee,  
Old Camp Mack for me;  
Shout out that name loud and strong,  
CAMP MACK!  
Where'er you go, you will always  
know,  
That a true Scout will always come  
back, TO McDONALD,  
That a true Scout will always come  
back, TO McDONALD,  
Yes, a true Scout will always come  
back.

'Round the fire, every night,  
Skies are dark, but hearts are light,  
Cause our Scoutmaster started a song  
He's a bear, on the square,  
Got the grit to do and dare,  
And he helps us, whenever we're  
wrong.

### Chorus

Fire's out, tired Scout,  
Haven't got the pep to shout,  
Call to quarters, you know what to do  
Hear that call, GOOD NIGHT all,  
That's the call that beats them all,  
TAPS is sounding so good night to  
you.

### 4 CALUMET

(Tune, "Peggy O'Neil")

If her scouts are on their toes,  
That's our young Calumet.  
Slow but surely up she grows,  
That's our young Calumet.  
Up and coming, and always in step  
Strong and sturdy and chock full  
of pep!  
Teeming with industry, Calumet in-  
dustry,  
That's our young CALUMET.

**5 WASIPPE—O!**  
Scouts and skinnies come together,  
this is our holiday,  
Skies are bluer, joys are newer,  
friends are truer, Hey!  
When the bunch is all together, then  
is the time for play,  
Altogether now hip hooray! Bless  
the friends of the B. S. A.,  
Ah h h h h h h h h Oh h h h h h h  
C-A-M-P, O!  
Wassippe — O!  
Wassippe — O!  
Camp Owasippe — O!

### 6 ANYBODY SEEN MY CAT?

Anybody seen my cat,  
Has anybody seen my cat  
He came home with a kink in his tail,  
That shows that he's been fighting,  
Down in the alley,  
Up in Finnigan's flat,  
Kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty,  
Anybody seen my cat???????

Anybody seen my donkey?  
Anybody seen my mule?  
He came to Owasippe,  
That shows that he's no fool;  
On dear Old Crystal Lake  
Where its nice and cool,  
He, haw; he, haw; he, haw, haw,  
Anybody seen my mule?

## 7 THE LONG, LONG, NAIL

Theres a long, long nail a grinding,  
Into the sole of my shoe;  
And I think its ran into my foot,  
A mile or two.  
There's a long, long, hike before me,  
But what I'm thinking about,  
Is the time that I can sit me down,  
And pull that DARN nail OUT.

## That Long Green Worm

There's a long green worm awinding,  
Upon the roof of my tent,  
And the bugler's sounding First Call  
So it's time I went;  
There's a cold, cold plunge awaiting  
When I take my morning dip,  
And when I return I'll find that worm  
Upon my pillow slip.

## 8 Owasippe's the Place for Me

(Tune; "We're 49 Miles from Home)

I'm glad that I'm a Scout,  
I'm glad that I'm a Scout,  
Owasippe's the place for me,  
I'll get right out and Shout;  
You'd better pack your bag,  
Put on that old BLUE tag,  
And hit the trail that leads to camp,  
Help put some OUT in Scout.

## 9 McDONALD'S FARM

Old McDonald had a farm,  
E \* I \* E \* I \* O,  
And on this farm he had some chicks  
E \* I \* E \* I \* O,  
With a chick, chick, here, and a  
chick, chick, there,  
Here a chick, there a chick, every  
where a chick, chick,  
Old McDonald had a farm,  
E \* I \* E \* I \* O,  
(Repeat adding ducks, turks, pig,  
Ford, Still, Dog, etc.)

## 10 SOUP

Today is Monday,  
Today is Monday,  
Monday Wash day,  
All Owasippe campers  
I wish the same to you.

Today is Tuesday,  
Today is Tuesday,  
Tuesday String-beans,  
Monday Wash day,  
All Owasippe campers,  
I wish the same to you.  
Wednesday, SOUP,  
Thursday, Horse meat,  
Friday, Gold fish,  
Saturday, Pay day,  
Sunday, Church.

Here we sit like birds in the wilderness,  
 Birds in the wilderness,  
 Birds in the wilderness,  
 Here we sit like birds in the wilderness,  
 Waiting for our Chow,  
 Waiting for our Chow,  
 Waiting for our Chow,  
 Here we sit like birds in the wilderness,  
 Birds in the wilderness,  
 Birds in the wilderness,  
 Here we sit like birds in the wilderness,  
 Waiting for our Chow,  
 Hoo-Cha, Hoo-cha, Hoo-cha, cha.

## 12 Good Bye, My Lover, Good Bye

Old Noah built himself an ark,  
 Good bye, my lover, good bye.  
 He patched it up with hickory bark,  
 Good bye, my lover, good bye.

### Chorus

Bye, baby, bye oh,  
 What makes you cry so,  
 Bye, baby, bye oh,  
 Good bye, my lover, good bye.

The animals came in, one by one,  
 Good bye, my lover, good bye.  
 The elephant chewing a caraway bun  
 Good bye, my lover, good bye.

The animals came in, two by two,  
 The hippopotamus and the kangaroo,  
 The animals came in, three by three,  
 The monk, the ape & the chimpanzee.

The animals came in, four by four,  
 Old Noah shouted, Shut the door.

The animals came in, six by six,  
 Old Noah said we're in a fix.

The animals came in, seven by seven,  
 The boys all thought they were in  
 Heaven.

The animals came in, eight by eight,  
 Old Noah shouted, close the gate.

The animals came in, nine by nine,  
 The old man said, we're doin' fine.

The animals came in, ten by ten,  
 Noah gave up the ghost and shouted  
 "AMEN"

## 13 WUZZY, WUZZY

There was an old guy, all covered  
 with hair,  
 Lived in a cave like a Grizzly bear,  
 Fooling people was his game,  
 Wuzzy, Wuzzy was the old guy's name

### Chorus

Wuzzy, Wuzzy was a wise old guy,  
Nose like a hawk and eagle eye,  
Fooling people was his game,  
Wuzzy, Wuzzy was the old guy's name

There was a scout by the name of  
Jack,  
Pitched his tent on the railroad track  
And then a train came 'round the  
bend,  
What kind of flowers are you going  
to send?

The sheriff came along one day,  
Thought he'd take old Wuz away,  
A big black bear met him at the door,  
The sheriff aint been seen no more.

He had a dog as skinny as a rail,  
It had fleas all over its tail,  
Every time the tail would flop,  
Fleas on the bottom would jump on  
top.

Bought a suit of combination under-  
wear,  
It is some suit I do declare,  
Worn it six months without exagger-  
ation,  
Can't get it off, cause I lost the com-  
bination.

### 14 The Wrong Man on the Job

Tune, Silver Threads among the Gold

While the organ peeled potatoes,  
Lard was rendered by the choir;  
While the sexton wrung the dishrag,  
Someone set the church on fire;  
I smell smoke, the preacher shouted,  
In the rush he lost his hair,  
Now his head resembles Heaven,  
For there is no parting there.

### 15 HAIL, HAIL!

Hail, Hail, the gang's all here,  
Never mind the weather,  
Here we are together;  
Hail, Hail, the gang's all here,  
Let the trouble start RIGHT NOW.

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MEMORANDA

## MEMORANDA

Every regular fellow will use each piece of camp equipment in such a way that it will be in good condition for the next fellow.

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Scouts will be held responsible for breakages.

## THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best:

- 1 To do my duty to God and my Country, and to obey the Scout Law.
- 2 To help other people at all times.
- 3 To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is

1 Trustworthy	7 Obedient
2 Loyal	8 Cheerful
3 Helpful	9 Thrifty
4 Friendly	10 Brave
5 Courteous	11 Clean
6 Kind	12 Reverent